

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Previously Presented) A filter formed by spinning fiber in a semi-molten state onto a mold, wherein the filter includes the mold as a filter structural member and the mold includes a filter portion forming surface for forming a filter portion for filtering a fluid, and a frame which surrounds the filter portion forming surface.

3. (Original) The filter according to claim 2, wherein a fiber protruding outside of the frame is folded in toward an inside of the frame and fixed to the frame.

4. (Original) The filter according to claim 2, wherein a flange is formed on an outer peripheral surface of the frame.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The filter according to claim 2, wherein the filter portion forming surface and the frame are formed of resin.

7. (Original) The filter according to claim 2, wherein the filter portion forming surface is welded to an inner peripheral surface of the frame.

8-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A filter comprising:

a mold; and

fiber spun in a semi-molten state onto the mold,

wherein the mold remains attached to spun fiber and functions as a structural member of the filter and the mold includes a filter portion forming surface for forming a filter portion for filtering a fluid, and a frame which surrounds the filter portion forming surface.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) A method for manufacturing a filter comprising the steps of:

spinning a fiber in a semi-molten state onto a mold; and
maintaining the mold attached to the spun fiber such that the mold functions as a filter structural member of the filter, wherein the mold includes a filter portion on which the fiber is spun, and a frame surrounding the filter portion.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 13, further comprising the steps of:

protruding the fiber outside of the frame;
folding the protruding fiber toward an inside of the frame; and
fixing the protruding fiber to the frame.

15. (Original) The method according to claim 13, wherein a flange is formed on an outer peripheral surface of the frame.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 13, wherein the filter portion and the frame are formed of resin.

17. (Original) The method according to claim 13, wherein the filter portion is welded to an inner peripheral surface of the frame.

18-20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) The filter according to claim 2, wherein the filter portion forming surface of the mold is formed with a mesh.